

POLICY & PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

for February 28, 2007, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. 5th Floor Large Conference Room City Hall

Roll Call

Present: Jack Brewer, Jim Ward, Bob Garcia

Absent:

Staff: Mario Lara, Interim CPRC Manager; Phoebe Sherron, Sr. Office Specialist

Approval of July 2005 Minutes

MOTION: Approve June '06 Minutes M/S/C: Garcia / Ward / Carried

Public Comment

Mary Shelton commented how long it had been since the Committee had met. She also commented on policy recommendations to RPD and noted that one "very important" recommendation that would expand the audio recording policy had been turned down. She said that an initiative out of Los Angeles is going around the state that, if passed, would require officers to record, either by audio or video, all public contacts made in their capacity as officers. She noted that all searches would be required to be videotaped or the cases would be "thrown out."

Ms. Shelton said another important, unapproved policy recommendation was a result of the Muñoz Officer-Involved Death case. The policy recommendation questioned Internal Affairs' practice of administrative review of officer-involved deaths as opposed to following RPD Policy 4.8's requirement that Internal Affairs conduct an investigation of officer-involved deaths. She feels that Internal Affairs lacks credibility because it is holding officers accountable for alleged policy violations, yet it doesn't follow a policy that is currently in place.

Committee Member Comments

There were no Committee Member comments.

RPD Policies & Procedures

A) Review and discuss RPD response to Commission's recommendation to RPD Policy 5.3.E.2.D.2.

The Committee discussed, at length, various options for inmates or their designee to be advised of held property. As the Committee was not able to come to a consensus, it was decided to hold discussion of this item until after the appointment of the new commissioners, at which time there would also be new committee members.

MOTION: Table for further discussion at next meeting

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B) Review and discuss a possible policy recommendation regarding RPD's Use of Force Policy which does not address the escalation / de-escalation of force when dealing with individuals that may be unable to mentally process the instructions of the officers.

After brief discussion, the Committee again decided to hold discussion of this item until after the appointment of the new commissioners, at which time there would also be new committee members.

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CPRC Policies, Procedures, & By-Laws

There were no items for discussion.

Items for Future Committee Consideration

There were no items requested for future consideration.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Phoebe Sherron Sr. Office Specialist